

Stony Creek Elementary School PTO

Summer 2013



Welcome back to our returning families, and a warm welcome to those just joining our Stony Creek community. This school year is exceptional because it is the 50th Anniversary of Stony Creek!

The PTO has many exciting events planned throughout this celebratory school year. To start, mark your calendar for the **Stony Creek Back-to-School Picnic on September 9th, at 5:30 pm**, rain or shine! Come meet staff, classmates, and families. Bring your own picnic, or purchase your dinner at school (sponsored by the 5th Grade). Members of the PTO Executive Board will be on hand to answer any of your questions.

Are you new to Stony Creek? In the next few weeks, look for information about our **Welcome Wagon event on September 25th** especially for you! We'll give you the "inside scoop" on school and PTO-related activities, as well as answer any questions you may have. Child care will be available.

After 5 successful years, we bid a fond farewell to our March Madness event, but this year, we are THRILLED to welcome the world-famous **Harlem Wizards on December 6th** for a rousing night of family entertainment! And don't worry, our popular auction items will be back in March for a "Birthday Bash" Online Auction!

Included in this email are many useful documents to help the PTO provide services to the Stony Creek community. **Please print out pages that will be helpful to you**, including the Stony Creek Calendar of Events and other forms you may need to return to school.

Included in this email:

- p. 2) Calendar of Events (this will also be printed on your child's school folder or agenda book)
- 3) Back-to-School Picnic Invitation
- 4) Welcome Committee Form For New Stony Creek Families
- 5) LEGO and K'NEX Collection Flyer
- 6) 2013-2014 PTO Fundraising Efforts and "How the Funds are Used" Information
- 7) PTO Membership Form
- 8) Direct Donation Form
- 9) Other Ways to Support Stony Creek (Giant A+, TargetRED card, and eScrip Programs)
- 10) Stony Creek SpiritWear Flyer
- 11) School Directory Advertising Form

We welcome you to **share your time and talents** for the benefit of our kids! Look for an Online Volunteer Registration link emailed later this week. The success of our PTO is only possible with the enthusiasm and support of involved families like you.

Feel free to contact me with any questions at samanthadrossner@gmail.com. We look forward to a very special 50th year at Stony Creek!

Samantha Drossner, Stony Creek PTO President

Stony Creek Calendar 2013-2014

PTO Events Listed in Red



August

27 PTO Back to School Staff Luncheon

September

2 Labor Day – All Schools Closed
3 First Day of School Grades 1-5 (Early Dismissal 11:50 AM)
3 Kindergarten Orientation, 1:30 PM
4 Half Kindergarten Students Report (Last Names A-L)
5 WSD Holiday – All Schools Closed
6 Half Kindergarten Students Report (Last Names M-Z)
9 All Kindergarten Students Report
9 PTO Back-to-School Picnic, 5:30-7:30 PM
9 PTO KidStuff Book Fundraiser Begins
19 Back-to-School Night Program, 7:00 PM
20 PTO KidStuff Book Fundraiser Ends
25 PTO Welcome Wagon – New Parents, 6:30 PM
27 Fall Picture Day
30 Fall Picture Make-up Day

October

10 PTO Meeting, 9:30-10:30 AM
11 PTO 5TH Grade Fun Afternoon, 3:15-5:30 PM
15 WSD Physical/Dental Exam Forms Due to School Nurse
18 PTO Family Fun Night, 6:30 PM
31 Halloween Parade of Costumes, 2:20 PM

November

4 PTO Fall Book Fair Begins
5 WSD Professional Staff In-Service / School Closed
6 PTO Fall Book Fair Ends
7 Fall Picture Re-Take Day, 1:00 PM
15 PTO Giving Night, 6:30-8:30 PM
19 American Education Week – Elementary Visitation Day
20 PTO Holiday Shop (During Recess)
21 PTO Holiday Shop (During Recess)
22 PTO Holiday Shop (During Recess)
25 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM
26 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM
26 PTO Staff Soup Luncheon
27 Early Dismissal (K-5), 11:50 AM
28 Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools Closed
29 Thanksgiving Holiday – Schools Closed

December

6 End of First Trimester, Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM
6 PTO Harlem Wizards Fundraiser at WHS, 6:30-8:30 PM
19 Winter Concert at WHS, 7:00 PM
23-31 Winter Recess – All Schools Closed

January

1 Winter Recess – All Schools Closed
2 Return from Winter Recess
16 PTO Family Fun Night, 6:30-8:00 PM
17 WSD Professional Staff In-Service / School Closed
20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – School Closed
23 PTO Family Fun Night, 6:30-8:00 PM (Snow Date)
24 PTO 5TH Grade Gym & Swim at WMS, 6:30-9:30 PM
31 PTO 5TH Grade Gym & Swim (Snow Date)

February

6 PTO Meeting, 7:00-8:00 PM
14 WSD Professional Staff In-Service / School Closed
17 Presidents' Day – All Schools Closed
25 PTO Breakfast Buddies, 7:45 AM
26 PTO Breakfast Buddies, 7:45 AM
27 PTO Breakfast Buddies (Snow Date)

March

5 Pre-Kindergarten Overview Meeting, 9:30 AM
8 PTO PJ's and Pancakes, 8:00-10:00 AM
10 PTO Birthday Bash Online Auction Begins
11 Spring and Fifth Grade Class Picture Day, 9:00 AM
14 PTO Birthday Bash Online Auction Ends
17 PSSA Testing Math/Reading Window Begins (Grades 3-5)
28 End of 2ND Trimester (K-5), Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM
28 PSSA Testing Math/Reading Window Ends (Grades 3-5)
31 PSSA Testing in Writing Window Begins (Grade 5)

April

3 WSD Strings Concert at WHS, 7:00PM
4 PSSA Testing in Writing Window Ends (Grade 5)
7 PTO Spring Book Fair Begins
8 PTO Spring Book Fair Ice Cream Social, 6:30 PM
9 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM
10 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM
11 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal, 11:50 AM
11 PTO Spring Book Fair Ends
14-18 Spring Recess – All Schools Closed
28 PSSA Testing in Science Window Begins (Grade 4)

May

1 PTO Meeting, 7:00-8:00 PM
2 PSSA Testing in Science Window Ends (Grade 4)
6 PTO Staff Appreciation Luncheon
8 Spring Musical, 7:00 PM
16 PTO Birthday Bash Spring Carnival, 5:30-7:30 PM
20 WSD Professional Staff In-Service / School Closed
26 Memorial Day – All Schools Closed
29 Spring Concert at WHS, 7:00 PM

June

5 PTO Meeting, 9:30-10:30 AM
5 Fifth Grade Trip to Mermaid Lake, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
6 Field Day
11 Field Day (Rain Date)
12 Fifth Grade Field Trip to Mermaid Lake (Rain Date)
13 Fifth Grade Farewell Ceremony, 9:00 AM
18 WSD Students' Last Day (K-5), Early Dismissal, 10:30 AM



Stony Creek Elementary
□ **celebrating 50 years!**

Come kick off the celebration at the

Back to School Picnic

Monday, September 9th
5:30 – 7:30 PM

Rain or Shine

Come see old friends, meet new friends,
and mingle with staff members!

Bring a picnic, or better yet, support the 5th grade
committee and buy dinner there!

Adults - \$6

Hot roast beef sandwich, coleslaw, and chips

Kids - \$3

Hot dog, fruit, chips, juice,
and a slice of birthday cake!

Thank you to our sponsors!

Hatfield Meats, Whole Foods, and Herr's Potato Chips

Welcome New Stony Creek Families!



Are you sending your first child off to Kindergarten? Transferring from another school? Do you have any questions? Would you like someone to help guide you during this period of transition? If so, please fill out the information below, & you will be contacted by a Volunteer Parent Ambassador.

If you would like to talk before school begins, please contact Carla Cleary at (Home) 484-684-6117, (Cell) 215-858-4786, or cc71799@gmail.com

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Carla Cleary
Stony Creek PTO Welcome Committee

P.S. We will also be hosting a "Welcome Wagon" event for new Stony Creek families in September. Look for more information coming home soon!

Please return this form to the PTO Mailbox

(send this form to school with your child, and his or her teacher will deliver it to the PTO Mailbox)

Welcome Committee

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____



Name of Child(ren): _____

Grade in Fall _____

Grade in Fall _____

Grade in Fall _____

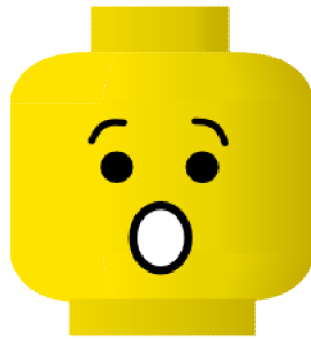
Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Best way to reach you: _____

Too Many Toys?



Would you like to clear out some space in your playroom?

Stony Creek can put your extra LEGOS and K'NEX to good use!



Donations will be used for indoor recess, Mrs. Walsh's Guidance Program, the Stony Creek After-School YMCA Program, and Giving Night.

Send your extra LEGO and K'NEX pieces to school in a bag (no need to sort them). A bin is located in the front lobby, or you can bring them to the Back-to-School Picnic. Collections will be accepted until Back-to-School Night on September 19th. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



Questions can be directed
to Gina Quinn at ginaquinn@me.com





2013- 2014 PTO Fundraising Efforts

Membership ☐ September
Kids Stuff Books - September
Harlem Wizards - December
PJs & Pancakes - March
Birthday Bash Online Auction - March
A+ Giant Rewards - October through March
Book Fair ☐ November & April
Direct Donations ☐ Year Round
Box Tops ☐ Year Round
TargetRED card and E-Scrips ☐ Year Round

How The Funds Are Used

Free School Directory for every family
Free Agenda Books for every student in 2nd to 5th grades
Free Stony Creek Folders for every student in K and 1st grade
Free T-Shirt and Graduation Luncheon for 5th grade students
Art Goes to School
Author's Day
"Book Bunch" Book Club
Breakfast Buddies
Bulletin Boards
Community CARES Program
Community Kids Club
Family Book Fair Night
Field Day
Giving Night
Green Committee
Halloween Family Fun Night
Hospitality, Including 3 Staff Luncheons
Landscaping
Library Additions
Mini-Grants for Teacher Requests
Family Fun Nights
National Geographic and Spelling Bees
Nature Trail
Reading Olympics
Spring Musical
Student Assemblies
"This Week at Stony Creek" Communications
Welcome Wagon Event for New Families



Support Your School! Join the Stony Creek PTO!

As parents, guardians and teachers, we share the common goal of wanting the most positive educational experience possible for our children. Belonging to the PTO affords all of us the opportunity to provide essential support to our school.

Thanks to your generous contributions through membership and fundraising, the PTO will be able to:

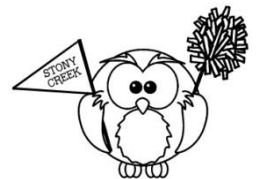
- Update library holdings.
- Supplement technology resources.
- Present fun, educational assemblies.
- Arrange events for students and their families throughout the year.
- Provide additional classroom supplies.
- Beautify school grounds.
- And much more!

PTO membership is only **\$10.00 per family** (please make checks payable to **Stony Creek PTO**).

To join the Stony Creek PTO, please complete the form below and return to school in an envelope marked ☐ PTO Membership. ☐ You may send the envelope to school with your child, or submit it to the office.

SPECIAL OFFER!

**Join the PTO and receive a 20% discount coupon
on your next purchase of Stony Creek Spiritwear
(coupon will be sent home via your child's backpack)**



We look forward to your support for the 2013-2014 school year!

Questions? Please contact Erica Baritz, PTO Membership Chairperson, at erbaritz@gmail.com

Please print all information

Detach below this line

**Please return this form with your payment to the PTO Mailbox
Stony Creek PTO Membership 2013-2014**



Family Name: _____

Youngest Child's Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

E-mail: _____



Stony Creek Elementary PTO Direct Donation

Dear Stony Creek Family,

Our Stony Creek PTO is a non-profit organization that relies on the monies earned by our fundraising efforts and donations to provide a broad range of school activities. The PTO is committed to supporting an exceptional learning environment for every student at our school by funding Assemblies, Author's Day, Family Fun Nights, Breakfast Buddies, Reading Olympics and many other social and educational opportunities. These would not be possible without the support of our school's PTO.

On average, the PTO spends over \$65 per child to fund the variety of programs and activities we sponsor. As with many organizations, the Stony Creek PTO must participate in fundraising efforts to support the programs we offer. Our efforts require the support of our Stony Creek families. In each case, the PTO takes great care to select fundraisers that maximize the amount of money earned for our school.

Please know that with the Stony Creek PTO "Direct Donation" program, 100% of your tax-deductible donations goes directly to these PTO sponsored events and activities for Stony Creek Elementary.

Your Donation is greatly appreciated and helps the Stony Creek PTO with its fundraising efforts. We are grateful for the many matching-gift companies. In the past, we have received matching donations from Glasko-SmithKline, Merck, and Aetna, but there are many more companies willing to participate. Please visit the Stony Creek PTO website for a complete list of the matching gift companies. The PTO is happy to complete any necessary paperwork.

We thank you in advance for your indispensable support. Together we can make a difference in our children's lives.

*Roe George, Jill Palmer, and Terri Hilbush
Vice Presidents, Ways and Means*

Please return this form and your donation to the PTO Mailbox
Stony Creek PTO Direct Donation

Parent's Name _____

Youngest Child's Name and Homeroom _____

Please make checks payable to "Stony Creek PTO"

- Please accept my tax-deductible donation of

☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Matching Company

Stony Creek Elementary • 1721 Yost Road • Blue Bell, PA 19422 • 215-619-8108

Stony Creek Elementary PTO is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Our Tax Identification number is 20-1033858



***Here are some other ways to support Stony Creek
that are easy...and essentially free!***

Stony Creek Giant A+ Rewards Program!

Program will start in October with a sign-up sheet and letter to be distributed.
Earn money just by registering your card to our school.



Target REDcard!

Did you know there's an easy way to help us raise money for our school for books, reading programs and anything else that can use extra funding?

It's called Take Charge of Education®, and it's helping our school right now.

Here's how it works: Visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcard® (Target

Credit Card®, Target Debit Card® or Target® Visa® Credit Card), Target® will donate up to 1% of your purchases to the eligible K-12 school of your choice.*

eScrip!

Here's How it Works



- ☐ You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.
- ☐ Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.
- ☐ Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your child's behalf!



Show Your Spirit with...

STONY CREEK SPIRITWEAR!

Shop for the following items at the Back-to-School Picnic,
or use the order form below:

Stony Creek SpiritWear Order Form

Fleece Headbands: Warm fleece headbands w/ cool Owl design Available in Navy or Pink - \$9

SCE Baseball Hats: Adjustable navy blue baseball hats with the SCE logo - \$12

Hoodies: Gray zip-up sweatshirts with blue Stony Creek logo

Youth sizes: YS(6-8), YM(10-12), YL(14-16) - \$22

Adult sizes: AS, AM, AL - \$25

Tie-Dye Tees: Cool red/blue tie dye t-shirt with white Stony Creek logo

Youth sizes: YS(6-8), YM(10-12), YL(14-16) - \$16

Adult sizes: AS, AM, AL, AXL, AXXL - \$16



SCE Long Sleeve T-shirt: Gray Pull Over t-shirt, Blue SCE in block letters front

Youth sizes: YS(6-8), YM(10-12), YL(14-16) - \$15

Adult sizes: AS, AM, AL, AXL, AXXL - \$15

SEC Short Sleeve T-shirt: Gray Pull Over t-shirt, Blue SCE in Block Letters front

Youth sizes: YS(6-8), YM(10-12), YL(14-16) - \$12

Adult sizes: AS, AM, AL, AXL, AXXL - \$12

Magnets: White oval "SCE" car magnet – Just \$5!

PJ Pants: Red/Blue plaid brand long pants w/Stony Creek in White Block Letters down the leg

Youth sizes: YS(6-8), YM(10-12), YL(14-16) - \$22

Adult sizes: AS, AM, AL - \$22

Item: _____ Size/Color: _____ Quantity: _____ \$ _____

Item: _____ Size/Color: _____ Quantity: _____ \$ _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Please return this form with a check payable to "Stony Creek PTO" to:
Jill Lafferty c/o PTO Mailbox



School Directory Advertising Opportunities

The Stony Creek PTO is currently compiling information for our 50th Celebration school directory. This important publication is given to 380 Stony Creek families, and serves as a valuable resource that is used consistently by parents throughout the entire year.

Premium advertising space is available for local businesses (which will help offset the printing costs for the PTO).

*If interested in advertising in the Stony Creek directory, the online-auction page, and a Harlem Wizards Sponsorship, **discounts** are available. To inquire and/or place an ad, please contact Gina Quinn at stonycreekptoevents@gmail.com

- Back Cover, Full Page, Color: \$300 (**SOLD**)
- Inside Front Cover, Full Page, Color: \$225 (**SOLD**)
- Inside Back Cover, Full Page, Color: \$225 (*1 available*)
- Full Page, Black & White: \$200 (*2 available*)
- ½ Page, Black & White: \$150 (*4 available*)
- ***SPECIAL!** Business Card, Black & White: \$125 – your business **will be featured on all three** - the school directory, the online auction, and the Harlem Wizards t-shirt! (*16 available*)



To place an ad, please complete the form below and return with payment by **September 13, 2013**, to Stony Creek PTO, c/o Gina Quinn, 1721 Yost Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Please make check payable to Stony Creek PTO.

Ad size: Ad cost:

Contact: Phone:

Business Name: Email:

Address:

Authorized Signature:

Please check one:

- ☐ I will email an electronic format of my ad/logo/business card to Gina Quinn at stonycreekptoevents@gmail.com
- ☐ Camera Ready Artwork or logo attached (Use paperclip; do not staple or fold)
- ☐ Please create ad on our behalf with the following information:

Questions can be directed to Gina Quinn at stonycreekptoevents@gmail.com or 610-585-7285